



Google Tools Worksheet

You will work with a partner to explore an assortment of the Google Tools. Together you will complete this worksheet and prepare to discuss your results with the group. You may choose to work through this worksheet in order or randomly, working together or by dividing and conquering. You do not need to finish all items. At the end of the session you and your partner will report on your discoveries.

Books

Describe 3 important features about Google Books. How can these features be helpful to classroom teachers/students?

Custom Search

Create a Google account (if you do not already have one) and develop a custom search for LTAs. This custom search will utilize only specific sites selected by you. It could be sites about a particular author, topic, etc.

How can this feature be helpful to a classroom teacher? What must be established before this can work to its full potential?

Directory

How does Directory differ from the basic web search feature? Try a directory search, note results, then conduct the same search using basic web search. Compare and contrast.

GOOG-411

List 3 advantages of using GOOG-411 over standard 411 service.

iGoogle

After creating a Google Account, develop a basic iGoogle page for yourself that you can use as a home page in your school.

Images

What must be considered when using an image acquired through a Google Image search before you can add it to your school's web site? How do you give proper credit to the owner of an image?

Maps

Using Google Maps – create a personal map and mark locations of family and friends throughout the world.

News

How does Google News differ from merely searching through the web?

Labs

What is Google Labs and how can this be helpful in the educational setting?

Docs

Describe 3 ways Google Docs can be used with students. Be sure to list advantages and disadvantages of each.

Sites

Compare and contrast Google Sites with NPS Content Management System (web site).

SketchUp

What is the basic function of Google SketchUp? How can it be used in an educational setting? List some obstacles that may prevent this program from full integration.

Translate

Use Google Translate with the language of your choice on the following:

The Norwich Public Schools will provide each student a rigorous, effective teaching and learning environment where equity is the norm, excellence is the goal, student health and safety is assured and achievement cannot be predicted by race or other demographics.

Patent Search

Use Google Patent Search to list 3 facts about the inventor of Velcro.

Scholar

How does Google Scholar organize/restrict articles and journals it includes in its search area?

Videos

List 3 options you can select when searching for video. What site's videos will play at NPS?

Web Search

Use the GoogleGuide, perform 3 specialized information queries and be prepared to report on the outcomes.

Web Search Features

Access this page: <http://www.google.com/intl/en/help/features.html>

Improve Your Search Experience

In addition to providing easy access to billions of web pages, Google has many special features to help you to find exactly what you're looking for. Some of our most popular features are listed below.

Which 3 features would be most useful to you and why?

New and upcoming Google Features:

Google Voice
Google Wave
Google Trends
Google Sets